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TAGS: CASC (SIEVERS, ROBERT), (RUCHKIN, VIKTOR)
SUBJECT: REINSTATEMENT OF DRIVER'S LICENSE OF PAN AM OFFICIAL

REF: (A) STATE 302531, (B) MOSCOW 18269

1. PAN AM REP DRAHORAD INFORMED EMBASSY THAT AT 4:00PM DECEMBER 21, ROBERT SIEVER'S DRIVER'S LICENSE WILL BE RETURNED AT MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION BY SOVIET POLICE OFFICIALS.

2. DRAHORAD ALSO PASSED ON COMMENT THAT AEROFLOT WASHINGTON DIRECTOR ZHDANOV RECENTLY MADE TO HIM THAT RUCHKIN ARREST HAD BEEN PLANNED BY THE FBI AND THAT RUCHKIN HAD BEEN PUT IN HAND-CUFFS AND NOT PERMITTED TO CALL SOVIET EMBASSY. DRAHORAD ALSO WAS TOLD BY ANOTHER MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION OFFICIAL THAT THE RESULT OF SIEVER'S BLOOD TEST WAS "POSITIVE".

3. COMMENT: BASED ON INFORMATION PROVIDED TO HIM BY EMBASSY FROM REFTEL A, DRAHORAD REQUESTED MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION TO GET SIEVER'S LICENSE RETURNED ON THE BASIS THAT RUCHKIN RETAINED DRIVING PRIVILEGES WHILE AWAITING DISPOSITION OF HIS CASE. ECON COUNSELOR ALSO MADE RECENT APPROACHES TO MFA REQUESTING RETURN OF LICENSE AND WAS TOLD DECEMBER
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20 BY MFA OFFICIAL (FEDOSEYEV) THAT LATTER WOULD TRY TO "FACILITATE" THIS RESULT. ZHDANOV'S REMARKS PROBABLY INDICATE SOVIETS ARE TRYING TO CONVEY IMPRESSION THAT RUCHKIN'S ARREST AS POLITICALLY MOTIVATED. MATLOCK

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